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Polypropylene Plant in Bihar

5471. SHRI RAM SARAN YADAV:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India limited propose to set up a Polypropylene plant in Bihar, and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S KRISHAN KUMAR)(a) : No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of Steam Coal to Bihar

5472. SHRI RAM SARAN YADAV:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar is getting steam-coal as per the requirement of its industries;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to avoid closure of industries in Bihar due to shortage of steam-coal and to check the unemployment resulting thereby.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTER OF COAL(SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA)(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Industrial units in Bihar have by and large been receiving steam coal as per their requirements.

(c) The Government have received no information that industries in Bihar are on the verge of closure due to non-supply of steam coal. In fact, Coal India have supplied 144.35 lakh tonnes of coal to non-core sector industries all over the country including Bihar during April to July, 1991 as compared to 123.82 lakh tonnes supplied in the same period last year. The Government have issued instructions to all coal companies to supply at least 50% of the linked quantity of coal to the non-core sector industries.

[*English*]

Foreign Exchange Earned by ITDC Hotels

5473. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foreign exchange earned by the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) hotels during each of the last three years and upto June 30,1991; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to boost the foreign exchange earnings of ITDC hotels?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a): The requisite information is given below:-

Year	Direct foreign exchange earned (Rs.in lakhs)
1988-89	726.65
1989-90	802.09
1990-91 (provisional)	806.19
1991-92 (upto June 91)	103.28

(b): The steps being taken by ITDC inter-alia include sponsoring of foreign tours; aggressive marketing and sales efforts abroad; negotiating of special rate contracts with foreign tour operators; establishing direct contact with major tour operators/travel agents to promote traffic to India; and offering incentives in rates to overseas sales representative's agents.

Opening of Booking Offices by Indian Airlines and Air India

5474. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of booking offices of the Indian Airlines and the Air India opened during 1990 and upto June 30,1991; and

(b) the number of booking offices proposed to be opened during the remaining period of 1991 by the Air India and the Indian Airlines, separately?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) During the period 1990 and upto June 30,1991, Air India opened one new booking office. Indian Airlines did not open any.

(b) Indian Airlines and Air India have no proposal to open any news booking office during the remaining period of 1991.

Flight Landings at Airports

5475. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Airports Authority of India has asked all the airlines to take effective measures for spacing out flight landings for the convenience of passengers and handling agencies at the airports;

(b) whether bunching of flights during nights is causing great inconvenience to the incoming passengers awaiting clearance; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the various airlines for spacing out the landings of their flights?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Flight schedules of international airlines are coordinated and approved according to certain established parameters. There is a bunching of flights during the night at our International Airports primarily because of the geographical location of the country vi-vis Europe and USA, and because of airports being closed at night in Europe,USA and some far East countries. Within the established promoters, foreign airlines are requested from time to time to shift their flights within a reasonable time span so that the congestion at the airports is reduced.

Earnings from Foreign Airlines

5476. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:
DR.G.L. KANAUJIA:

Will the Minster of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the foreign airlines which are operating through India;

(b) the amount earned from each of the foreign airlines during each of the last three years and till date; and